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SUBJECT: KOVALEV VISIT

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1. DURING PROGRAM DISCUSSION WITH BUTROVA NOV 6, SHE ASKED US TRANSMIT TO MINCULT, THROUGH EMBASSY MOSCOW, HER STRONG BELIEF THAT IT ESSENTIAL FOR KOVALEV ARRIVE WASHINGTON IN TIME TO REVIEW SPECIAL SHOWING OF ROY CLARK SHOW EVENING OF NOV TWELVE IN PITTSBURG. SHE WILL BE ON WEST COAST AND THUS UNABLE ATTEND HERSELF. SHE SUGGESTED KOVALEV TAKE AEROFLOTS DIRECT MOSCOW-WASHINGTON FLT SU 317 ON NOVEMBER ELEVEN, AND SAID SHE FELT SURE MINCULT WOULD PAY FOR THIS PORTION OF TRAVEL IN VIEW OF US TRAVEL REGS COVERING IV GRANTS AND FACT THAT LATE DEPARTURE WAS SOVIET RESPONSIBILITY. SHE IS ASKING SOVIET EMBASSY TO CABLE MINCULT DIRECTLY WITH SAME MESSAGE. WHEN WE SUGGESTED KOVALEV DEPART NOVEMBER 10 AND ARRIVE WASHINGTON NOVEMBER 11, TAKING SAME FLIGHTS AS BUTROVA, SHE PROFESSED WORRY HE MIGHT HAVE TROUBLE

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LE MAKING CONNECTIONS DUE LACK OF LANGUAGE FACILITY.

2. DEPT AMENABLE TO KOVALEV'S ARRIVING EITHER VIA US CARRIER (WE PAY) OR AEROFLOT(SOVIETS PAY) SO LONG AS HE ENTERS US AT WASHINGTON NOV 11.

3. ONLY MAJOR SHIFT IN PROGRAM (REFTEL B) REQUESTED BY BUTROVA WAS VISIT TO SANTA FE TO DISCUSS EXCHANGE EXHIBIT OF PAINTINGS BY NICOLAI FECHIN WITH FENIN GALLERIES THERE.
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